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# OVER 100 LIVES LOST DEADLY TORNADO AND

Meridian, Miss., Swept CHOOSE NORMAL by Fierce Cyclone. Many Dead; Heavy Loss.

#### **BUSINESS BLOCKS** ARE WIPED OUT.

Beveral Big Stores Collapse Before Force of Storm, Which Lasts But Two Minutes,

MAN HEMMED IN, BEGS HIS RESCUERS TO COME QUICKLY

Loss of Life Said By Last Reports to Be Heavy, and Damage to Property is Great-Fire Destroyed Debris in the Storm's

(By Associated Press.) MOBILE, ALA, March 3 .-

Information has reached Mobile by telephone, all telegraph wires being down, that a destructive tornado visited Meridian, Miss., at 6:30 last evening, killing twen-ty-one white people and over a hundred negroes, and damaging property to the extent of \$1,500,ooo. There are also scores seriously injured by being caught in the wreckage of houses.

The tornado caught the city on the southwest and travelled to the northeast, expending itself in two suburbs, where many negroes were killed and injured, a whole tenement district being

Two large wholesale stores, several smaller ones, part of the principal hotel, the electric lighting plant and all the small property between the Mobile and Ohio Railroad and the business section of the city was badly damaged. Twenty men were caught in one restaurant, and several were killed. Two stories of the Y. M. C. A. building were wrecked and other buildings suffered in the upper The negro tenement district north of the city was demolished, and the debris caught, threatening a new danger, but the department, with the help of hundreds of citizens overcam e this after a hard fight. They were assisted by a torrential rain following the tornado.

The city is in darkness and the full extent of the disaster will not be known until daylight. The known path of the storm was about six hundred feet wide and one mile in length.

#### A PARTIAL LIST OF THOSE KNOWN TO BE DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 2.—The Picayune's Jackson, Miss., special says: The dead at Meridian, so far as known, re as follows: MRS, ELLA SINGLETON and daugh

ter and granddaughter.
MAGGIE SLAUGHTER.
CLAUDE WILLIAMS.
P. T. MINNS, Mobile and Ohio con-

Suctor.
WILLIAM R. NELSON, city marshal.
The wounded are:
Charles Elmere.
W. J. Woodville,
D. R. Brown.
Bernard Bennett.
Will Yarborough,
W. C. Morris.

W. C. Morris. Bennett Williams. Fred Woodruff.

Fred Woodruff.

The cyclone struck the city from a northeasterly dipection, near the New Orleans and Northeastern depot. The passenger and freight depots were completely destroyed, Sixteen employes of the Queen and Crescent Radiroad were buried in the ruins, and as far as could be learned none of them have been rescued.

A number of hodies have already been found, but as the cyclone passed through

# SCHOOL SITES

House Committee Decides in Favor of Three Places.

#### DECIDE TO HEAR SENATOR DANIEL

V. P. I. Appeal Cases Will Be Considered Before a Meeting of the House and Senate Committees Monday Night-Much Interest Felt.

Colleges decided last night to locate the Commissioner of Public Work Ed. Benson Arrested at Staunton Policemen Testify As to His at Radford, Fredericksburg and Harrisonburg, and fixed next Monday night at s o'clock as the time for hearing Senato Daniel, and whoever else may desire to appear in the matter, concerning the ap. peal of young Christlan and others from is expected that the hearing Monday House and Senate committees, but we ment will be upon the resolution recently this city. Senator Daniel is here and will remain until after Monday night,

The fight for the location of the norms schools was a spirited one from the start in favor of all the contesting places.

The final vote stood: Radford, 12. Fredericksburg, 12. Harrisonburg, 7. Front Royal, 5.

#### All Got Some Votes.

ator Shackelford and Judge W. 1. Jef-fries, for Culpeper; Mr. R. A. Dobis and Mr. J. G. Firash, for Norfolk; Mr. J. W. Carter, for Martinsville; Senator Keezell, for Harrisonburg; Judge Martin Williams, Hon. C. A. Johnston, Senator Dickenson and Hon. J. P. Royall, for Radford; Mr. St. George Fitzhugh and Delegates Lane, Lewis and Moncure, for Fredericksburg; Delegates Barrett and Houston and Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, for Newport News. The victors were happy last night, but The victors were happy last night, but the battle is by no means over, and chances seem to be unfavorable to the final passage of the bill.

#### How They Stand.

The eligibles for membership on the State Board of Education have written re-plies to the resolution of inquiry by the Senate, stating their positions with refer-

present system, which he originated is all right, and that he sees no necessity for a change,

#### PROCEEDINGS ARE BEGUN TO DISBAR JUSTICE DEUEL

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 2.—Following the recent testimony about Town Topies, in the Hapgood libel trial, Justice Joseph M. Deuel, of the Court of Special Sessions, to-day accepted service of papers in a suit instituted for his disbarment from his position as a justice.

SENSATION CAUSED

# AN UP HILL PULL!

## RESIGNS BECAUSE HE IS SOCIALIST

Patterson, of Chicago, Gives Up Position.

Tells Mayor Dunne He is Paltering With Skin-Deep Measures.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 2 .- Commissioner of Public Works Joseph Medill Patterson Edward F. Dunne. The resignation was sent by Mr. Patterson to Mayor Dunne conditions in his department, and con-

The universal ballot gives every male citizen an equal political opportunity.

The common ownership of all the means of production and distribution would give everybody an equal chance at music, art, spart, study, recreation, travel, self-re-

#### HEAVY DOWNPOUR AND QUIET FOLLOW TWO NIGHTS' RIOT

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, March 2.—A steady downpour of rain has been falling here to-night, and aside from this quiet prevails, following the two preceding nights of rioting and incendiarism. The troops, who are still on duty, were drenched by to-night's rainfall. Police Court was in continuous session during the day, and a number of rioters were fined.

Martin Davis, the wounded brakeman was still alive to-night.

## CARRIED OVER BEYOND IN THE HASTY TRIAL

Introduction of Manikin to Show Course of Bullet Causes Lady to Faint.

(By Associated Press.)

# DATE FOR HANGING

Necessary Delay in Patrick Case Will Compel Another Reprieve By Governor Higgins.

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TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN AND INFORMATION MEAGRE

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# TAKEN FROMALTAR AND SENT TO JAIL

When About to Marry Miss Booth.

#### EQUAL APPOINTMENT FOR ALL IS CHARGED WITH FORGERY NO STRYCHNINE IN SYRINGE

Alleged to Have Passed Worthless Checks-Found Unconscious From Bromo Quinine.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., March 2.—Ed. Bensen, of Middlebrook, was jalled here today, charged with forgery. He has been in the city only a short time, but it is alleged that he passed several forged checks. Benson was arrested at the home of Joe Booth, where a party had assembled to witness his marriage to Miss Booth, which was to have taken place at noon. Benson had procured the license and everything was in readiness for the ceremony when Officer John Fretwell, arrived.

The forger visited a number of business houses and made matt, nurchuses, paying

houses and made many nurcluses, paying for the 2005 with he is checks, ranging from two to fifteen dollars. They were made payable to W. A. Hall, and some signed S. M. Serrett, and some O. V.

mit suicide is not known definitely. It is thought that he intended self-murder, and that he had also taken other drugs. It is thought he will recover.

## THE ROUGH TRIP OVER MADE MRS. LONGWORTH SICK

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(By Associated Press.)

TAMPA, FLA., March 2.—Mr. and Mrs.
Nicholas Longworth arrived on the steamre Mascotte from Havana at 2:30 o'clock
this afternoon. The steamer encountered
rough weather Thursday 13d Mrs. Longworth suffered from sea sickness. A large
crowd met them at the pier. They had a
drive over the city as the guests of
Collector of Customs McFarland, dined
at the Spanish Cafe and left at 8:40 o'clock
on the regular Atlantic Colast Line train
in the private Pullman car Grassmere for
Washington.

#### BIG WHEELER ELEVATOR AT BUFFALO BURNED

(By Associated Press.)
BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2.—The Wheelr elevator, on Buffalo Rivar, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss on the build-ing and its contents is estimated at \$175.

-00. Lined up slongside the-wheeler ele-vator and up the river as far as the eye could see, were lake vessels of all kinds in their winter berths. Not one of the in their winter berths. Not one of the vessels caught fire. Several small wooder buildings adjoining the elevator and some lumber were destroyed.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina --Rain Saturday; Sunday, fair and colder; fresh to brisk south winds,

Conditions Yesterday. (Average......52.)

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# THE MATHEWS

Statements the Night of His Arrest.

Many Acquaintances of Doctor Matthews Testify As to His Strange Actions.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., March 2.—In the trial of Dr. J. B. Mathews here in the Superior Court to-day for the alleged murder of his wife, the prosecution rested its case at noon.

the last two witnesses introduced were the of his wife's death.

and they had to sit up with him in jail and give him whiskey; that he insisted on telling his troubles, saving that his wife had been intimate with men, and on ac count of her conduct, he had been com pelled to leave Pittsboro, where he had boro, four years ago. Since coming here

#### Shooting Affair.

He told of a shooting scarpe he had in a hotel here about her, and said if it had not been for his little son, she would have died in some such way five years

have died in some such way five years ago.

Dr. Farrar, the first physician to reach the Mathews home the morning she was found apparently dying, detailed the day's proceedings and how they had apparently saved her life when Mathews went to her bed and under the pretense of maying was caught injecting a hypodermic under the cover, and in twenty minutes strychnine poison symptoms began and she died therefrom in two hours. That Mathews offered to pay his bill before she died and impressed upon him not to state anything about what happened, but to make out a death certificate as from heart disease.

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The syrings taken from him was one-third full of a white powder and the small solution remaining, upon being analyzed by Dr. Turner, who wrested it from his hand, showed strychnine, though Mathews refused to state what it was he

Mathews recused to state what it was he had given.

Mrs. Hay, who was seized with an ept. leptic fit vesterday upon completion of her direct examination, was cross-examined and it was shown that she made Mathews get out of his wife's bed when she discovered him at another time under

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# NOT'TO CONFIRM MR. E. H. CLOWES

Investigation Committee Makes Adverse Report to the Senate.

#### WILL INVESTIGATE WHOLE MANAGEMENT

Committee Far From Satisfied With Condition As Revealed By Testimony-Inquiry

in Vacation to Follow - Report Adopted.

By unanimous vote in an executive sea-sion held late yesterday afternoon the Senate rejected the nomination of the appointment of E. H. Clowes as a mem-ber of the Board of Discourse

Senate rejected the nomination of the appointment of E. H. Clowes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern State Hospital and adopted the report of the special investigating committee recommending a general inquiry into the affairs of the asylum with more particular reference to the jefficiency of its superintendent, Dr. L. S. Foster, and the management of the institution by the special board.

Implacable antoganism between director and superintendent resulting in the serious impairment of the public service is assigned by the committee as the chief ground for the rejection of Mr. Clowes, in which opinion the Senate concurred. Testimony reflecting also upon both the superintendent and the special board is called to the attention of the body as of sufficient gravity to demand a further investigation, and in this also the judgment of the committee was accepted by the Senate. The new inquiry will not be made at this session of the Legislature, Joint action will be taken by the two houses looking to the appointment of a board of inquiry that will report to the next General Assembly, The Report.

The Report.

It was about 6:30 P. M., after a long day's work that had left many members yearning for a quiet supper-table, when Mr. Thomas, chalrman of the special committee, moved that the Senate go into executive session. There was no opposition. The report was submitted at once, together with a bound copy of the stenographic record, nearly u foot thick. The report itself is as follows:

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Your committee appointed under resolution of January 31, 1906, to investigate the fitness of E. H. Clowes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern State Hospital, beg leave to report that it has finished its work. The record is now delivered into your hands. The committee respectfully submits that, in its judgment, the nomination of E. H. Clowes as a director of the Eastern State Hospital, should not be confirmed for the following reasons:

There seems to have existed for some time between the said Clowes and Dr. L. S. Foster, the superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital, an implacable antagonism, with the result that the public service has been aeriously impaired.

Your committee is of the opinion that the public service would be seriously impaired.

Your significant of the retention of these men in their present official relations.

The foregoing ground of unfitness.

relations.

The foregoing ground of unfitness is, in the judgment of your committee, so well established by the record that it deems it unnecessary to present findings on any other allegation of unfitness, the whole record being returned with this report for such action thereon as the Senate may deem hest.

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While not strictly within its duty as outlined in the resolution under which it acted, the committee feels impelled by a sense of duty to call the attention of the Senate to the fact that in this hearing much evidence was produced which reflects upon the special board's management of the Eastern State Hospital and upon the capacity and efficiency of Dr. L. S. Foster, as superintendent of said hospital, and it respectfully recommends an investigation of these matters.

recommends an interpretation matters.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. F. THOMAS,
(Signed) F. S. TAVENNER,
(Signed) EDWARD ECHOLS,
Committee

Consideration of the matter con

something over a half hour. The two

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#### WALSH ARRESTED FOR LECTERN FOR BRUTON GIVEN BY PRESIDENT MAKING FALSE RETURNS

#### Mr. Roosevelt Donates One to Hold Bible Recently Given By King Edward.

Gives Bond of \$50,000 and Declares That Bank's Report Was Correct.

## ARGUMENT FOR COMMISSIONERS **IS CONVINCING**

Eppa Hunton Closes Investigation in Powerful, Eloquent Speech

## CLERK UPSHUR IS SCORED BY CARTER

Says His Wounded Vanity and Inordinate Pride Caused the Unpleasantness.

HENRY FAIRFAX STATES CLEAR AND CONCISE FACTS

Says if Lanier Had Been Innocent He Would Have Been Dismissed - Judge Crump Makes Privilege Statement Regarding Newspaper.

The Legislative investigation proceedngs of the State Corporation Commisgion were closed vesterday evening. mittee having finished the examination of witnesses and heard argument by journed until Monday afternoon,

in interest had expected, for it had been stated that at least three more witnesses would be examined and that others would

It was therefore a surprise when, Major Lanler having finished reading a sensational statement, charging Judge Crump with having agreed to accept the presipany, if it were merged with another

gency of the virginia Corporation company with a capital of \$200,000, Chairman Byrd announced that the committee was ready to hear argument.

Ex-Commissioner Henry Fairfax had been sworn, and had taken his seat on the witness stand, when Judge Grump arose and requested to be allowed to make a statement.

He said he desired to add to his testimony the fact that he had never seen the letter addressed by Mr. A. B. Williams to 'Mr. Royall, in which Mr. Williams suggested a settlement of the Lanler incident, Continuing, Judge Crump disclaimed any intention of meaning in his former statement, that he opposed laws to govern the acts of the Corporation Commission and in conclusion presented against the head lines in the Times-Dispatch of Thursday, which stated, that he had said, that he "would do it all over again."

Deeply Regretted Action,

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Judge Crump insisted that his meaning had been that he would act on the dismissal of Major Lanier in the same way, and not that he would have subscribed to stock in the Virginia Corporation Company, which action, he said, he regretted.

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"I think it incumbent upon me to ask to put upon the record a correction of what is certain a very grave injustice done me, perhaps inadvertently, in a head-line in our city morning paper. It is to the effect that I made a statement that I would do over again exactly what I had had occurred between Mr. Lanler and myself, and my taking stock in this company. I think I can ask every member of this committee, and every one who is present in this room, to bear witness to the fact that nothing that I said could lead to any such inference. I suppose that If there is any fact that is known from what I have said, or from what my associates have said, and what my friends have said, it is that this was a grave error on my nart, and ought not to have been done, looking at it from the consequences. Of course, that is a fact that I supposed was well known, and i stated, as the committee will recall, that the fact that my lack of thought and my error of judgment in this whole matter, had led into these things that followed, was what had hurt me very seriously indeed. I desire for that reason to correct any inference that might be drawn from that head-line, and ask the committee to hear in mind the statements which I made on yesterday, that I acknowledged the fact—most always have—that what was done, though no wrong was intended, and it did not seem to me any wrong could have been done, was done, so far as I was concerned, without any thought of the possible circumstances, but in view of what had happened I did recognize it as arising from thoughtesness, and a grave error, as I stated on yesterday.

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Mr. Fairfax's Testimony. Mr. Fairfax then in a clear, con namer told of the Lanier dismissal,

His testimony was almost identical with that given by Commissioner Henry C. Stuart, earlier in the investigation, except that he related at length the interview that Mr. Upshur had had with him, when the chief clerk asked his advice regarding taking stock in Lanler Mr. Fairfax said that he had told Mr.

Mr. Fairfax said that he had fold Mr.
Upshur that it would be improper for
any clerk in the office to subscribe to
stock, and that Upshur had replied that
he had no reason to tell him that.

Mr. Fairfax stated that he knew nothing
more of the company until the "charges"
were filed, and that it was not until Mr.
Royall told him that he knew that Judge
Crump was a stockholfer in the company.

pany.

His recollection of the questioning of Lanler after the "charges" were filed was the same as Mr. Stuart's, but he added that he considered that Major Lanler had been very frank, and that he